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## AMENDMENT FILED JULY 21, 2003 IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.173

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment was originally filed on July 21, 2003 in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 21, 2003 in the above-identified application. It is being refiled in response to a Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants thank Examiner for a telephone discussion on May 11, 2004 regarding this matter.

The Notice cites 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Applicants believe the Notice should be under 37 C.F.R. 1.173. In particular, in Part 1 of the Notice, Applicants are not amending the specification in the Amendment. In Part 4, subpart A of the Notice, Applicants believe Examiner is requesting a "Statement of Status and Support for All Claims," under 37 C.F.R. 1.173(c), which is being filed concurrently herewith. Also in Part 4, Applicants believe subpart E should have been marked instead of subpart D based on the statement included in subpart E. In

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01 FC:1201 02 FC:1202 1290.00 DA 270.00 DA response to Examiner's request in subpart E, the Amendment is being resubmitted with a listing of all claims, which will be pending after entry of this Amendment, underlined in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173, as discussed with Examiner on May 27, 2004. The list also includes the issued claims 1-4 of the patent. These claims are found on pages 3-26 of this amendment. Also as discussed with Examiner on May 27, 2004, a marked-up version of the claims being amended relative to the claims of the preliminary amendment filed on November 6, 2001 is being provided. The marked-up version of the claims is found on pages i-ix at the end of this amendment.

Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: